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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY TRANSLATION COPY LETTER DATED  
 18 MAY FROM GUATEMALAN EMBASSY ROME TO GUGLIELMO TORIELLO,  
 FONAFF MINISTRY, GUATEMALA CITY: -

2. "ITAL GOVT HAS AGAIN POSTPONED GRANTING LICENSE FOR  
 EXPORTATION ARMS BOUGHT AT G.E.N.A.R. (FIELD COMMENT: GESTIONE  
 NAVI RECUPERI MARITTIMI E AFFINI, 96 VIA VENETO) FOR MINISTRY  
 NATIONAL DEFENSE GUATEMALA, THROUGH REXIM COMPANY GENEVA.

3. "IF POSSIBLE REQUEST THAT OUR GOVERNMENT ASK ITALGOVT  
 THROUGH ITAL AMBASSADOR GUATEMALA IF THERE IS REASON WHICH  
 PREVENTS GRANTING LICENSE. PERSONALLY, I HAVE TAKEN UP QUESTION  
 ON TWO OCCASIONS WITH NOTES VERBALE ON 20 FEB, 17 MAR, 6 APR  
 54 AND WITH MEMORANDUM 31 MAR 54, BUT MINISTRY FONAFF REPLIED  
 ONLY THAT CONVERSATIONS MUST WAIT SOME WEEKS.

4. "SEVERAL WEEKS HAVE PASSED, I WILL AWAIT OUR GOVERNMENT'S  
 INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PERSONALLY TAKING UP MATTER AGAIN.

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5. "FOLLOWING MATERIAL HAS BEEN PAID FOR AND IS READY  
BE SHIPPED TO GUATEMALA THROUGH SAN JOSE PORT, LACKING ONLY  
LICENSE: 25,000 ROUNDS 20 MM AMMUNITION; 100 THOUSAND  
ROUNDS 7.7 MM ARMOR PIERCING; 50 THOUSAND ROUNDS 12.7 ORDINARY;  
10 THOUSAND ROUNDS ~~12.7~~ ARMOR PIERCING; 100 THOUSAND ROUNDS  
7.7 ORDINARY; 12 DEVICES FOR AUTOMATIC LOADING (PER ALLINEARE  
LE FASCE DELLE CARTUCCE)."

6. SOURCE: [ ] RECD 31 MAY.

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